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Publicity and prosperity have a significant connection in a republican form of government. —James G. Harding.

A BROAD-MINDED VIEW.

More than half of the last Review of Reviews is taken up by writers describing the Panama-Pacific Exposition. The most interesting article is by President Benjamin Ide Wheeler of the University of California on the meaning of the exposition. It is at once the most searching and, as it were, authoritative statement of the meaning of the whole exposition.

After discussing the various aspects of the finishing of the gigantic work, the Panama Canal, he sums up his study in four chief points. The fourth point deals with the Pacific and the peoples who are made our next door neighbors by the completion of this work. He says in his fourth point:

"Japan and our Pacific Coast are drawn more closely together into a common area of trade and intercourse. Each will have to know what is going on with the other. Japan's great circle route to Panama on her shortest way into the Atlantic passes the Golden Gate only a hundred miles out. Japan is no longer an occasional neighbor. We must make up our minds to settle down and live in the same world, even if not in the same country, with the Japanese. Our misunderstandings must be frankly met and boldly and fully stated—not glossed over with formal smiles. We and our sons and our son's sons will have to know them and deal with them. We must get their point of view and understand their case. It is the only way. We cannot ignore them; they are in our world, and very much in it. We have no hope in violence. Wars settle nothing—not even who is strongest."

If all men in America and all in Japan were to take this broad-minded, moral, and statesmanlike view of quibbles about friction between Japan and the United States misunderstandings would at once cease.

—Contributed.

BOOZE IN POLITICS.

The case of Illinois at present aptly illustrates the influence of the saloon interests on the political life of the nation. In that state the legislature has been badly deadlocked and its legitimate business brazenly held up by the liquor interests, which have prevented the election of a speaker house.

For nearly two months the members of the Illinois house have been balloting futilely over a speaker. Nearly 60 ballots have been taken without result, no candidate being able to obtain a majority vote. The Republican party has a clear majority, but party lines have been cut by the liquor interests and a bi-partisan alliance formed with the outspoken intention of forcing the election of their man as speaker and thus blocking the anti-saloon legislation certain to be pressed, since women now vote in Illinois. Nor has this been done under cover or cloak of respectability. A well-organized lobby, headed by Anto J. Cernak, head of the United Societies, the Chicago liquor organization, has been working openly among the legislators since the session opened.

But the lobby is short just enough votes to override the members of both parties who refuse to take liquor's dictation and the deadlock continues unbroken. In the meantime the work of passing the laws for which the state has been waiting two years is neglected and much of it will be left undone when the session comes to a close. It is another of the ugly by-products of the brewery.

Legislative procedure often goes from bouquets to brickbats.

MILITARY MASS WILL BE GIVEN

A military mass to commemorate the men of the army and navy who are dead, will be held in the National Guard armory Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, with Rev. Fr. Valentin Franchi, chaplain of the guard, as celebrant and Rev. Fr. Ignatius Fealy of the United States army as master of ceremonies. Officers and enlisted men and the general public are invited to attend. The program is as follows: Sacred March. "Onward Christian Soldiers." Entreat. "Adequate Pledges." Sermon. Chaplain Fealy. Offertory. "O! Salutaris."

"Attention!"—Trumpeters. "Come to Jesus." Sanctus. Gounod. Angles Del. Communion. "O Lord I Am Not Worthy." Finale—"Holy God, Etc." Band and People. Recessional. The National Emblem.

WOULD INVESTIGATE FAILURE TO ENFORCE CURFEW LAW HERE

Representative E. J. Crawford of Oahu introduced a resolution in the house just before the opening session came to a close yesterday providing for an investigation into the alleged failure of the sheriff and the police to enforce the curfew law. Crawford wants it revived. The resolution, which was referred to the police committee, is as follows: "Whereas, Act 24 of the Session

STANDARDIZING PROPERTY VALUES FOR LOCAL TAXATION.

The constitutional amendment which has been introduced in the California senate, providing for the appointment of a tax commission by the governor to establish uniform systems of assessment throughout California is almost identical with the recommendation recently made by the joint committee of the Chamber of Commerce of Honolulu and the Ad Club on territorial and municipal accounting. With the view to securing greater stability in our local taxation conditions, the joint committee reported, in part, as follows:

"The value placed on property may be the honest and conscientious opinion of the assessor, yet it is open to criticism by every other citizen, each of whom has the same right in his opinion as the assessor. Without a definite working standard of property values, there can be no uniformity between the valuations of any assessor.

"The present 'full cash value' basis of assessing property in the Territory has no definite expression. Market price cannot be considered a factor in determining the full cash value of land, as the prices for sales of realty are in all cases merely a compromise between the individual opinions of the purchaser and seller. If every lot in the city of Honolulu were sold each year, there is no doubt that from these sales some averages could be deduced that would fairly represent a community opinion of value, but the fact is that only a small proportion of the city land changes hands during a year, and it is very common to find lots and tracts of land that have not been sold for two or three generations.

"It is frequently stated that rules cannot be formulated that will take into consideration all the conditions that affect the value of city lots. While it may be admitted that this is true, it must be acknowledged that in so far as similar conditions exist their treatment by the use of rules will tend to simplify the work of the assessor, result in greater uniformity, and greatly facilitate the work of comparison or review.

"The use of improved methods of assessment of local taxation is imperative. Accurate, scientific methods are possible, and should be introduced in the territory, to aid the assessor and protect the taxpayer.

"We should strongly recommend, therefore, the appointment by the governor of a board of assessors, consisting, say, of five members, the personnel of which to be practical businessmen, including the tax assessor, to re-value the real property in the City of Honolulu along progressive lines."

A leading auto manufacturer says that he can take every convict out of jail and make a man of him. Inasmuch as a good many convicts get to jail by the joy-ride route, the leading auto manufacturer might be given a chance to make good on his offer.

In line with prudence and economy, some of the biennial junkets are likely to be cut off the program of the 1915 legislature.

There's no war zone around Hawaii and tourists headed this way need not fear submarines.

Most of the war poets carefully avoid tackling the names in the eastern arena.

Before the war, folks looked on American ambassadors as sinecures—before the war.

Wonder if this "policy of attrition" is going to whittle down our neutrality?

Starts off like a useful legislative session.

TUNNEL WILL ADD 12,000 TONS TO OAHU SUGAR CROP

Waiahole Bore Expected to Be Ready Early in 1916, Manager Bull Reports

When the Waiahole tunnel is finished early next year it will increase the annual yield of the Oahu Sugar Company plantations to 45,000 tons a year, according to the report presented by E. K. Bull, manager of the company, at the annual meeting of the stockholders this morning. This will be an increase of from 12,000 to 13,000 tons a year.

Mr. Bull estimates that the main tunnel will be completed in August and the entire project early next year. The amount still left to be done is about 28,000 feet.

For the plantation itself Mr. Bull reports that the 4407 acres cultivated yielded 32,815 tons, an increase of 4000 tons over the estimate. The work done in the mill, he says, was better than in any previous year, the average extraction being 96.30 per cent and the losses in manufacture being reduced to 10.61 per cent, in sucrose in cane. The cost of manufacture was below the average for previous crops. Drought Hits 1915 Crop.

For 1915, 43 acres are under cultivation.

"As already mentioned the drought of last summer affected this crop quite seriously," he reports. "The cane tasseled to a greater extent than usual in all the fields, and any material additional growth during the remainder of the season can hardly therefore be expected. The crop is estimated at 28,500 tons sugar, but may, with good quality of cane juices, go higher."

The principal improvement made in the factory during last season was the introduction of special grooves in the feed and discharge rollers of our mill, an invention made by our mill superintendent, Mr. Messerschmidt. This simple system of roller grooving has effected a much higher extraction than was formerly obtained, and has increased the capacity of the mill from 10 to 45 per cent, in addition to reducing the moisture in the bagasse considerably.

A labor saving system of conveyors, with elevator, and a bin for bagging the sugars has at a very small cost been installed in our sugar room. This apparatus works very well and saves the labor of more than six men per day.

All of our sugar bags are now sewn in the mill from imported jute cloth; this, we hope, will also prove a saving in the manufacturing cost.

Waiahole Project.

Following is the report on the Waiahole tunnel:

"During the past year we paid an assessment of \$500,000, being 50 per cent on the stock of the Waiahole Water Company, which with previous payments covered the entire capital of \$1,000,000. In addition to this sum we have advanced the water company \$210,847.36, and estimate that about \$500,000 more will be required to complete the project, build three large siphon pipes, and bring the water to our land. It will be necessary to extend our railroad system, build ditches, and additional reservoirs, and camps, this with the cost of the cultivation and care of the new areas will require considerable funds, but we are assured these can be met with the large credit of \$1,100,240.45, in the hands of our agents, the realization of all or part of our investment account, and a proportion of the profits we are warranted in expecting under prevailing conditions. Part of the new areas should be yielding returns, which will be available to meet expenses on areas planted at a later date, so that the whole burden of providing for the new lands will not fall upon us in a short time, but will be spread over a considerable period.

The following figures show the progress made on the aqueduct to January 31 of this year:

	Total	Made to date	Unfinished
	feet.	feet.	feet.
Main tunnel	14,434	11,918	2,525
Side tunnels, Waiahole-Waikane	15,921	14,188	1,733
Side tunnels, Waikane-Kahana	9,000	1,664	7,336
Side tunnels, Waikane	19,211	19,211	0
Open ditches			
Waipio	17,000	963	16,037

Twenty-one thousand three hundred and seventy-three feet of side lining, partly of reinforced cement plaster, and partly of stone masonry, as well as 3227 feet of concrete arching of tunnels have been finished.

"In addition to the foregoing work on the aqueduct proper, three special tunnels for water development have been driven on the Waiahole side. The

GOOD YEAR IS TOLD IN REPORT OF HAWAIIAN SUGAR

1914 Crop is Called Record-Breaker and Profits Amount to \$821,483.93

Last year was a big year for the Hawaiian Sugar Company, according to the report presented at the annual meeting of the stockholders today by B. D. Baldwin, manager. The crop was a record-breaker, yielding 32,039 tons, including the yield of the Gay & Robinson fields.

Dividends paid during the year amounted to \$630,000.

Although the 1915 crop will not be so large as that of 1914, according to estimate, it will be good.

The stockholders on recommendation of the board of directors voted to add \$100,000 out of the profits of 1914 to the sinking fund.

After a plea by W. R. Castle asking for aid for the Honolulu war relief fund it was unanimously voted to donate \$50 a month to the fund for the rest of the year. Mr. Castle said that the fund directors had decided to ask corporations and individuals to make regular contributions to the fund as long as present conditions obtain.

Following are important parts of the report:

Weather conditions have been favorable at Makaweli during the past year. The temperature has been about the average and the rainfall, which was a little more than usual, was pretty well distributed throughout the year. The mountain streams have kept up very well and there has been a fair amount of water on the plantation. The temperature and rainfall record is as follows:

Crop 1914.

As stated in last year's report, this crop was grown under exceptionally favorable weather conditions. High temperatures prevailed throughout the year of 1914 and the average mean temperature for that year was almost two degrees higher than the average for any previous year. The rainfall also was above the average on the plantation and the water supply was fair, consequently the fields for the past year's harvesting have yielded considerably more than the estimate submitted in last year's report and the crop has been a record breaker, both for Gay & Robinson and the Hawaiian Sugar company. We commenced harvesting and milling this crop on the 18th of November, 1913, and the last of the cane was put through the rollers on August 29th, 1914.

The following is the area and output of the 1914 crop:

	Acres.
Hawaiian Sugar Company plant	943.50
Gay & Robinson plant	1659.06
Total	2602.56

aggregate length of the development tunnels is 3151 feet. In one of these tunnels a flow of 3,000,000 gallons of water has been developed, with prospect of a considerable increase.

The main tunnel at the north side discharges a flow of 2,800,000 gallons per 24 hours. The total minimum flow of water through the Waiahole tunnel, when the whole line has been completed, and the streams from Waikane, Waianu, Oahu and Kahana have been taken in, should as shown by recent measurements not be less than 65,000,000 gallons per 24 hours, and in times of freshets fully twice this amount.

"Should no unforeseen difficulties arise in the boring of the remaining portion of the main tunnel, the contractor expects to finish the same before the month of August next, and there is every indication that the whole aqueduct will be completed in the early part of next year, which will be before the time specified in his contract.

"With the addition of the new water supply, and with an increased area of several thousand acres of the best virgin cane land brought under cultivation, we may in a few years look forward to annual crops of at least 45,000 tons sugar, and a considerably reduced cost of production.

Profit Balance \$589,319.

The financial report of the company shows dividends of \$75,000, 1 1/2 per cent on capital stock, and a profit balance for the year of \$589,319.

Officers were re-elected as follows: J. F. Hackfeld, president; M. P. Robinson, first vice-president; F. J. Lowrey, second vice-president; Georg Rodiek, treasurer; J. F. C. Hagens, secretary; A. Haneberg auditor.

Board of Directors—J. A. McCandless, W. F. Dillingham, P. Muhlendorf, H. Focke.

Ex-Officio—J. F. Hackfeld, F. J. Lowrey, M. P. Robinson, Georg Rodiek, J. F. C. Hagens.

tons	2408.83
Hawaiian Sugar Company short	168.00
ratons	
Total Hawaiian Sugar Company area	3521.33
Gay & Robinson plant and Ratons	1659.06
Grand total	4580.39
The crop yielded as follows:	
Tons sugar	
Yield Hawaiian Sugar Company fields	24,635.50
Yield Gay & Robinson fields	7,404.00
Grand total	32,039.50

Crop 1915:

As stated in the beginning of this report the conditions which surround the best growth of sugar cane were in marked evidence during the time of the cultivation of this crop. The water supply was a little short at times, but on the whole the Hanapepe and the Olokele ditches kept up very well. The area of this crop is 234 acres less than the previous one, and the average yield per acre will probably not reach as high a figure as the average yield per acre of the 1914 crop. The large difference in area of this year's and last year's crop is due to short ratooning a part of Field A1 on the Nonopah ridge in order to have that part of the plantation in two separate crops, which will insure steady work for the laborers lying in that section.

Projected Improvements.

The plans are to continue the construction of permanent railroads to places that are difficult to harvest and in this way lessen the portable track work as much as possible during grinding seasons. The steam plows will be kept on reservoir work between plowing seasons so as to increase the storage capacity for water where favorable reservoir sites can be found. These are scarce on this estate and it has been necessary to build small reservoirs at a large expense. Some of the permanent flume lines will be lengthened and carried along to a higher elevation. Outside of the items mentioned under this heading, there will be very little needed to properly carry on the business of this plantation. Unless unforeseen difficulties arise, the expenditures for improvements during the year 1915 will be very low.

Mountain Ditches.

Both the Olokele and Hanapepe ditches are in very good shape. The latter needs more attention and care than the former and the upkeep is

considerably more expensive, due to the great length of flume and numerous pipe lines. On the ditch sections of the Hanapepe ditch there has been considerable seepage in tunnelling places. These losses in water are being gradually overcome by tunnelling and cement lining of the ditches where indications of leaks exist. It is hoped that the tunnel recently constructed on the lower part of Hanapepe ditch will stop a leak of 1,300,000 gallons of water daily. The above leak was detected by the use of a water meter. This work will be systematically followed up and with the aid of this valuable instrument it will be possible to reduce the losses of water through seepage in the main ditches to a minimum.

General.

The physical and financial conditions of this plantation are in a satisfactory state. It has, however, been quite necessary with a partial tariff reduction to practise the most rigid economy and the plantation will continue to be run in a general economical basis during the year 1915. It is hoped that before the duty on sugar is entirely removed in 1916 legislative changes will take place and a modification of the present tariff bill will be the result. If foreign sugars ever enter the United States free of duty the industry on these islands will be a difficult one to handle and many changes in our present methods will have to take place.

Following is a summary of the company's financial statement:

Receipts and expenditures for year ending December 31, 1914:

Dividends paid in 1914	\$630,000.00
Balance forward	191,483.93
	\$821,483.93

Profit on sugar and sundry earnings

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Profit and loss account

Balance January 1, 1914	\$275,127.80
Balance 1914 transferred as above	191,483.93
Balance carried forward	\$466,611.53

Officers were elected as follows:

J. P. Cooke, president; W. M. Giffard, first vice-president; Robt. Catton, second vice-president; J. Waterhouse, treasurer; John Guild, secretary; D. B. Murdoch, auditor; board of directors, J. P. Cooke, Robt. Catton, W. L. Hopper, W. M. Giffard, J. Waterhouse, C. H. Cooke, A. F. Judd.

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"Whereas, it is very urgent that something should be done for the protection of the children, especially in the city of Honolulu;

"Now, therefore, be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the Territory of Hawaii, session of 1915, that a special committee of five members be appointed to investigate the reason why this law has not been enforced by the local police and to report their findings thereon."

Olive Branch, Rebekah Lodge No. 2, I. O. O. F., will give an auction and whist party this evening in Odd Fellows hall. All auction and whist players invited. Prizes for both auction and whist. Score cards 25 cents.